

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed, and carefully considered the non-final Office Action dated July 3, 2006. Claims 1, 10, 11, 37, 44 and 45 have been amended. Claims 9, 12, 43, 46 and 68 have been canceled. Claims 18, 10-11, 13-42, 44, 45, and 47-67 are pending in the application with claims 12, 18, 22, 31, 46, 50, 54 and 62 being objected to..

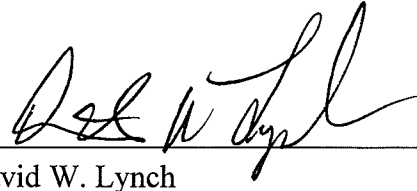
Applicants have amended claims 1 and 37 to include the language of objected to claims 12 and 46 respectively. Because claims 12 and 46 depended upon claims 9 and 43 respectively, the language of claims 9 and 43 have also been added to claims 1 and 37. The dependency of claims 10, 11, 44 and 45 have been amended in view of the above amendments.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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